

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 525
JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE

1.0 Call to Order/Roll Call/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College, Illinois Community College District #525, held in the Board Room at Joliet Junior College, 1215 Houbolt Road, Joliet, IL was called to order by Chairman Budzinski at 5:37 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

Trustees Present: Maureen Broderick, Jim Budzinski, Nancy Garcia Guillen (stepped out at 6:43 p.m. and returned at 6:47 p.m.), Diane Harris, Michelle Lee, Jake Mahalik, Alicia Morales and Student Trustee Iyeisha Ellis.

Chairman Budzinski welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Dr. Namuo led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.1 Communications

Kelly Rohder-Tonelli, Executive Director of Strategic Engagement, introduced Jeff Bulanda, Senior Manager, Foundations, College and Coaching at Amazon Career Choice. Jeff said JJC is a premier partner with Amazon and explained that Career Choice is Amazon's tuition assistant benefit available to over 700,000 hourly employees in 14 countries to advance their education goal whether with Amazon or not. Since 2022, there has been a significant growth in this program with over 300 employees who have taken classes at JJC.

1.2.1 Earth Month Proclamation

JJC Student Ash Klinder read the proclamation.

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik, for the board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to approve the proclamation. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

1.2.2 Community College Month Proclamation

JJC Student Ash Klinder read the proclamation.

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Lee, for the board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to approve the proclamation. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

1.2.3 Arab American Heritage Month Proclamation

JJC Adjunct Faculty Narjes Sweis read the proclamation.

Trustee Harris moved, seconded by Trustee Morales, for the board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to approve the proclamation. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

1.3.1 Recognition of Retirement - Richard Anderson

Karen Kissel, Vice President, Finance and Administration read the recognition.

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Garcia Guillen, for the board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to approve the recognition. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

1.3.2 Recognition of Retirement – Lori Carpenter

Karen Kissel, Vice President, Finance and Administration read the recognition.

Trustee Lee moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik, for the board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to approve the recognition. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

Lori said she started out at a student worker 28 years ago and now will retire as the payroll manager. She then thanked the board.

1.4 Closed Session

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Garcia Guillen, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to move agenda item 1.4 Closed Session to the end of the agenda after reports. AYES: Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Lee, Mahalik and Morales. Student Trustee Ellis favored the motion. The motion carried.

1.6 Public Comments

Trustee Broderick read an email of support she said she received from former Trustee Mike O’Connell.

1.7 Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed for members of the college family, students, community leaders, or relatives thereof, who had passed away since the last meeting.

1.8.1 Faculty Union Report

No report was given as Dr. Bob Marcink was not in attendance.

1.8.2 Adjunct Faculty Union Report

No report was given as Ms. Laurel Dieskow was not in attendance.

1.8.3 Building and Grounds Committee Report

Student Trustee Ellis gave the report consisting of the projects that are currently In Constructions or In Design and current Project Bids.

1.8.4 Board Policy Committee Report

Trustee Garcia Guillen reviewed the policies on the agenda as First Reads which included 02.01.07 New Employee Introductory Period; 02.04.00 Sick Leave; 02.04.01 Absence Without Leave; 04.16.00 Grades and 13.04.00 Sale/Disposal of College Personal Property. Second Reads included 12.05.00 Exposure Control Plan. All policies were recommended by the committee to move forward. Trustee Garcia Guillen said Attorney Kopman issued an opinion letter for policy 03.20.00 Tuition Waiver for Student Trustee. The Policy Committee recommends that the policy remain in tack and unchanged at this time.

1.8.5 Finance Committee Report

Trustee Mahalik said that there is no Finance Committee report.

1.8.6 President's Report

Dr. Namuo said he had the opportunity to testify in support of a new YMCA facility in Shorewood. He attended the Special Olympic polar plunge to support the campus police who did plunge. He then highlighted 3.2.5, 3.2.6 and 3.5 agenda items and acknowledged the students who were in attendance considering it was spring break. Dr. Namuo invited the cabinet to join him at the Pathways to Professions event where he gave the keynote speech to over 800 students who were in attendance. He also attended the Joliet Area YMCA Annual Gala and the Joliet Chamber Annual Dinner and Celebration of Success. Dr. Namuo attended the American Council on Education Presidents and Chancellors Summit in Washington, DC. He also testified in front of the Illinois Senate Higher Education Committee in Springfield to allow community colleges to offer bachelor degrees. He attended the Grundy Economic Development Council annual dinner. He acknowledged Dr. Farmer who was recognized by the DEI office for all of the extraordinary things she does for Joliet Junior College. Dr. Namuo then invited the college community to participate in his monthly open gym dates and acknowledged the cabinet's wellness efforts.

1.9.1 Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on February 14, 2024

Trustee Broderick called a point of order regarding the Open Meetings Act due to the minutes containing information that resulted from the closed session of February 14, 2024. Trustee Broderick then moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, to defer the approval of the February 14, 2024 minutes until there is a legal review of the Open Meetings Act violation regarding these minutes. AYES: Broderick and Harris. NAYS: Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Lee, Mahalik and Morales. Student Trustee Ellis did not favor the motion. The motion failed.

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Lee, for the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on February 14, 2024, be approved as submitted. AYES: Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Lee, Mahalik and Morales. NAYS: Broderick & Harris. Student Trustee Ellis favored the motion. The motion carried.

1.10 Approval of Agenda as Amended

Trustee Broderick called for a point of order stating that board resolution 2024R01 should be removed from the agenda as its' contents came from a close session where 2(c)1 was used as an improper reason to go into closed session.

Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, to strike any reference to items obtained from any unlawful close session including, but not limited to, any of the unlawful actions taken in violation of the Open Meetings Act.

AYES: Broderick and Harris. NAYS: Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Lee, Mahalik and Morales. Student Trustee Ellis did not favor the motion. The motion failed.

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik, for the agenda be approved as amended to move close session to the end of the agenda after reports. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

1.11 Approval of Consent Agenda as Presented

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Morales, for the items identified on the consent agenda be approved as presented. Trustee Broderick pulled agenda item 3.1; 3.2.5 & 3.2.6 AYES: Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Lee, Mahalik and Morales. Student Trustee Ellis favored the motion. The motion carried.

- 2.1.1 Recommending the Approval of the Resignation of One Full-Time Assistant Professor of Veterinary Technology
- 2.1.2 Recommending Sabbatical Leave for One Faculty Member
- 2.1.3 Recommending Sabbatical Leave for One Faculty Member
- 2.2.1 Classified Staff Report Includes New Hires, Replacements and Separations
- 3.2.1 Consortium: Athletic Uniform and Equipment
- 3.2.2 Consortium: Classroom Podiums
- 3.2.3 Consortium: Public Space Furniture
- 3.2.4 Contractual Service: Airfare for Study Abroad Trip to Japan
- 3.3 Treasurer's Report
- 3.4 Financial Report
- 4.2 Second Reading and Approval of Board Policies - 12.05.00 Exposure Control Plan

PULLED ITEMS

3.1 Approval to Pay the Listing of Bills for the Period Ending February 29, 2024 as Presented.

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, to approve to Pay the Listing of Bills for the Period Ending February 29, 2024 as Presented.

Trustee Broderick said she has a concern regarding the bills included in the revolving account for one vendor that combined are more than \$5,000. Attorney Kopman said that invoices for vendor agreements, contracts and services can be included in the revolving account.

AYES: Broderick, Budzinski, Harris, Lee, Mahalik and Morales. Student Trustee Ellis favored the motion. The motion carried.

3.2.5 Professional Service: Technical Personnel Supplementation for ERP Restart Project

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, to approve agenda item 3.2.5. Trustee Broderick asked why CampusWorks did not identify this item ahead of time so the board would not have to approve individual items. Dr. Farmer said the IV&V process was a separate process and this is for human capital support.

AYES: Broderick, Budzinski, Harris, Lee, Mahalik and Morales. Student Trustee Ellis favored the motion. The motion carried.

3.2.6 Professional Service: Hiring Firm for Executive Positions

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Student Trustee Ellis, to approve agenda item 3.2.6. Trustee Broderick said her concern was the cost of this and to look at other resources. Judy Connelly explained they did work within the Higher Ed purchasing consortiums available to JJC and narrowed it down to five firms. This firm will conduct a very comprehensive search to bring JJC highly qualified candidates and she feels this firm is very qualified.

AYES: Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Lee, Mahalik and Morales. NAYS: Broderick. Student Trustee Ellis favored the motion. The motion carried.

3.5 Board of Trustees Approval of Course Fees Effective Fall 2024

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Lee, for the Board of Trustees to approve the agenda item as presented. AYES: Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Lee, Mahalik and Morales. Student Trustee Ellis favored the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

4.1. First Reading Board Policies

Trustee Broderick said she had concerns about the Sale and Disposal of College Personal Property – policy 13.04.00 as there is no definition of college property or what inventory would be included. Trustee Morales would like to see language included that describes that real property is not included and it will be disposed of according to state statute. Trustee Garcia Guillen recommended that this policy go back to the policy committee for further review.

4.3 Approval to Make Available for Public Inspection a Copy of the Verbatim Record of the Closed Session of September 13, 2023, From Minute Mark 52:43 to the End

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Morales, for the Board of Trustees to approve the agenda item as presented. Trustee Broderick said this was due to an Open Meeting Act violation. AYES: Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Lee, Mahalik and Morales. Student Trustee Ellis favored the motion. The motion carried.

4.4 Board Resolution 2024R01 – Approval of a Vote of No Confidence as to Trustee Maureen Broderick

Trustee Lee moved, seconded by Student Trustee Ellis, for the Board of Trustees to approve the agenda item as presented. Trustee Broderick said that she felt this was not necessary since there have already been censures done and it is not normal to do a resolution. Trustee Lee said the Open Meeting Act violation was due to Trustee Broderick. Chairman Budzinski said this agenda item has nothing to do with the open meetings act or the closed sessions. Trustee Morales then read the resolution which she said is a vote of no confidence related to Trustee Broderick's behavior and violations of the Code of Conduct policy 01.03.00. Trustee Broderick said the violations are all subjective and not proven.

AYES: Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Lee, Mahalik and Morales. NAYS: Broderick and Harris. Student Trustee Ellis favored the motion. The motion carried.

5.1 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Ellis gave her report saying she attended the Black Teen Summit with 366 students from 11 high schools. The Black Student Union hosted the Black Excellence Gala on Friday February 23. She acknowledged the JJC Wrestling Team who went to the national competition as well as the Men's Basketball team who will also compete at nationals. The Women's Softball team is off to a great start. The Fine Arts department put on the musical Pirates of Penzance with three sold-out shows. DEI honored Dr. Yolanda Farmer during Women's History Month. Ramadan 099 was held on March 5th. The Office of Sustainability has been hosting many events including the Closet Pop-up Shop. Workforce Development hosted a resume workshop on March 12th. The next Student Advisory Council Meeting will be on March 26th.

5.2 Representative to the JJC Foundation Report

Kristi Mulvey, Executive Director Institutional Advancement, did not have a report.

5.3 Representative to ICCTA/ACCT Report

Trustee Lee gave the report stating at the last meeting roundtable discussions revolved around 1) dual credit, 2) challenges identified for the next five years as issues for community colleges and 3) best practices for trustee as ambassadors for their college. The discussion also revolved around AI and emotional intelligence.

5.4 Trustee Updates

Trustee Harris said she enjoyed the last ICCTA conference especially the challenges for community colleges in the next five years including having a budgeted amount for AI issues that may come up. Trustee Broderick said the ICCTA conference had a luncheon with author Arthur Levine and March 29th is the deadline for submissions for awards and she asked that the Trustee Development Budget policy be on next month's agenda. Trustee Morales asked if the board could get an update on the FAFSA process, JJC's English as a Second Language and GED programs. Trustee Mahalik said he was sad to hear of the passing of Jerry Lewis as he had been a student in his Evolution of Jazz class and he reminded the trustees to complete the Board Assessment survey.

5.5 Chair's Report

Chairman Budzinski reminded trustees of the board retreat on March 27th at the Joliet Public Library from 12 pm – 5pm. The retreat will address the board's commitment to being a trustee to serve the college.

1.4 Closed Session

There was no closed session.

6. Adjournment

Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Lee, for the meeting to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.